

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 17 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

In one aspect a communication system is provided wherein subscriber line circuits are connected to the communication network via a packet-based network. The subscriber line circuit comprises protocol interfaces for communicating with different network elements of the communication system and for the bi-directional conversion of information, which is transmitted from and to subscriber terminals on the subscriber side, into the information that is transmitted from and to the communication system on the network side.--